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SUBJECT: CALTEX CUSTOMS PROBLEM

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1. REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT RYAN OF CALTEX CAM BY EMBASSY TODAY TO TALK TO CHARGE AND ACTING ECONOMIC COUNSELOR. HE SAID HE HAD COME OUT FROM NEW YORK ESPECIALLY TO DEAL WITH CALTEX CUSTOMS PROBLEM (AN ADMITEDLY ILLEGAL TRANSFER OF GASOLINE FROM A BOMDED TANK TO A DUTY PAID TANK AT A TIME WHICH COINCIDED WITH AND INCREASE IN DUTY). RYAN, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY CALTEX' PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN INDIA, SAID THAT IN THE FEW DAYS HE HAS BEEN HERE, HE HAS TALKED TO PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS MINISTER MALAVIA, FINANCE MINISTER SUBRAMANIAM, PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS SECRETARY DAVE, AND FINANCE SECRETARY ROY. HE HAD ALSO SEEN A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, WHO HE DESCRIBED AS AN OLD FRIEND. RYAN WILL NOW RETURN TO NEW YORK. HE SAID

THAT ALL HAD BEEN SYMPATHETIC, BUT STRESSED THE POLITICAL CHARACTER OF THIS CASE WHICH HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO LIGHT BY AN AMBITIOUS LEFTIST (MYOTIRMOY BOSU OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY MARXIST, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE), WHO WOULD MAKE WHATEVER CAPITAL HE COULD OUT OF ANY APPARENT LENIENCY TO A FOREIGN FIRM. HOWEVER, RYAN SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE DEALT WITH IN A WAY THAT WOULD NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGE THE COMPANY, ALTHOUGH

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THE GUILTY PARTIES (WHOM HE DIDN'T SPECIFY) WILL HAVE TO

FACE THE CONSEQUENCES OF TRIAL AND JUSTICE. HE ASKED
ONLY -- AND QUITE SPECIFICALLY ONLY -- FOR "INFORMAL"
HELP FROM THE EMBASSY, WHICH HE WAS PROMISED.
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